

# d'Auvergne Weekly Update 25.4.25

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Head Teacher's Comments

It's great to get the summer term under way, particularly when the sun is shining...long may this continue.

This is a very short half-term, with much to fit in. As always, I encourage full attendance and for the children to be on time (8.15am). Absence in term time due to holidays will not be authorised, as every day counts. Missing school is a significant disruption not only to the individual child, but also to the school staff and the other children in the class. Thank you.

A reminder that I expect all pupils to wear full d'Auvergne School uniform, I don't want any of them to feel different to their classmates. If you are struggling to provide our uniform, please come and have a confidential chat with me – help is available. We also have much new and second hand uniform available in school at discounted prices.

Next week, you are invited into classes.

(Due to the England Trip and Key Stage 2 Tests, Year 6 are not included in this round of visits.)

Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	8.45am	Year 3 Parents / Carers
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	8.45am	Year 4 Parents / Carers
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	8.40am	Year 5 Parents / Carers
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	8.45am	Year 1 Parents / Carers
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	8.45am	Year 2 Parents / Carers
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	8.30am	Nursery Parents / Carers
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	8.30am	Reception Parents / Carers

As always, refreshments available afterwards in the Staff Room.

Our School Walk is on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May – details to follow, but adult help is always appreciated.

Several children will be welcomed to our Summer School, operating from 4<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> August.

If you receive an invitation on behalf of your child, please do try to make every effort that they attend – it will be very helpful for them. Places are limited and planning for the fortnight has already started. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mr Cooper

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## Year Group Updates

### Futures 1

As I mentioned in my previous email it has been a real pleasure to welcome back your children into the summer term at d'Auvergne. You might have noticed that we have had some building work completed over the holidays. Our walk-in cupboard in the extra classroom has been transformed into a toilet. There are a few finishing touches still to be completed but we hope this will be fully functional by the end of next week. We look forward to another term packed with learning experiences and to getting out in some, hopefully beautiful, weather!

Have a great weekend

Mrs Mason and the Futures 1 Team

### Futures 2

Welcome back!

It's a short newsletter this week.

Our topic of 'Our Growing Bodies' started with drawing life-sized bodies and labelling the parts that we know! We talked and danced about how many bones there are in our bodies - over 200 - and the job of the skin, muscles and the skeleton.

Ask your children where you can find the largest bone (in your thigh - the femur) and the smallest (in the ear). Also, in maths we have been measuring using rulers, continuing with measuring parts of our body next week.

This term we will be exploring how our bodies have and will change throughout our lives, and how we can treat them well and keep them working great!

Speaking of which, swimming resumes on Tuesday, business as usual.

Kind regards

The Futures 2 Team

### Nursery

The children have had such a fantastic first (short!) week back in Nursery. They've come back happy, eager to learn and full of imagination - well done!

This term, our overarching topic is '**changes**' which encompasses continuing to look at the seasons and most importantly, preparing the children in becoming '**Reception ready**' which is a phrase the children will hear lots over the coming weeks and months.

This week the children have had their very first **Jerriais lesson** with a specialist teacher! We enjoyed singing songs and playing games and are very much looking forward to continuing with these sessions every Thursday afternoon.

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As mentioned in our previous newsletter before easter, we're looking forward to seeing you at our **parent drop in on Friday 2nd May**. The start of this session will look a little different to usual as Miss Fage will be presenting on the importance of RWInc in the Early Years and introducing parents to how this is taught. You will also be given a pack of flash cards to take home to support your child with their RWInc journey. You will then have the opportunity to engage with your child in the provision as normal, before Miss Fage will demonstrate a RWInc sound of the week session with the children. Tea, coffee and pastries with Mr Cooper in the staffroom to follow!

Have a lovely weekend,  
Miss Fage and the Nursery team

### Reception

What a super first few days back to school, the children are 'on it' and we are ready and raring to go for our final term in Reception. It's going to be busy, and we have lots planned; this is a term where we hope to see more progress and the children will continue to work towards reaching their Early Learning Goals.

Our new topic is 'Nature Rocks!' and so we are going to be doing lots of learning outside; fingers crossed for some sunny weather. Please make sure your child is appropriately dressed for the day with suncream and a d'Auvergne hat or indeed a waterproof coat should we see rain showers. Name everything please to ensure everything comes home at the end of the day.



The children were excited to see some caterpillars arrive this week, and we are looking forward to seeing them grow and change over the next couple of weeks.

There will be lots of observational drawings, scientific labelling and discussions about these incredible minibeasts.



Polite request – if you are out and about on a woodland walk or a playing in the park, please could you encourage your children to collect some **pinecones** for us, the bigger the better. They also need to be open like the one in this picture. Thank you

We are still looking for helpers to accompany us on our sponsored walk on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Please email your child's class teacher if you are available to support us.



Thank you for your continued support.

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## **Year 1**

It was wonderful to see the children back in school for the start of our Summer Term and we are straight back into our learning!

We have listened to and discussed the Easter story, and what it means for Christians.  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/zhgv47h>

We thought about how different characters may have felt at different parts of the story.

In science, we have been learning about materials vocabulary, such as 'transparent' and 'opaque'. Please consolidate these terms with your child.

We will shortly be beginning our topic for this term, which is 'Food and Framing,' with topic word mats to follow.

Reminders:

- PE days are now TUESDAYS and WEDNESDAY.
- Please continue to read and practise spellings.
- Please provide your child with fruit for snack.

Year 1 Team

## **Year 2**

Hoping you have all had a lovely break and enjoyed the Easter celebrations.

It was lovely welcoming back all the children into class and hearing about what they did over the holidays.

We have had a great start to the new term where we have introduced our new topic 'Islands' as this links with our upcoming trip to Sark.

In Literacy we have been busy creating our own dream Islands and writing about the key features of our islands using our five senses (see, hear, smell, taste and feel). Our new text driver this half term is Grandads Island, so far we have just looked at the pictures and the title to predict what we think the story is going to be about.

In Geography the children have been using their Oracy skills using talk tokens to discuss where they would rather live and why if they were given the choice of living on an island, in the countryside or in the city.

In Science the children are learning about Materials and their properties. We focused on what material objects we had in our own class and seeing if we could identify them as glass, plastic, wood and metal. The children enjoyed this activity.

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In Maths we have been looking at 3D shapes, focusing on the name of shapes and identifying how many faces and edges the shapes have. We have also started our Fractions unit where we experimented with folding paper to show equal parts, focusing on making halves and quarters.

School walk: Thank you to the parents that have already contacted us. If you would like to help, please email your children's class teacher so we can add you to the parent helper list.

Reminders:

- We are seeing homework diaries coming into school without being signed for reading and spellings not being practiced. Please can you encourage this to be filled in daily.
- Please send a healthy snack and water bottle to school daily.
- Please still send in a coat daily as the weather is unpredictable at the moment.
- Please ensure uniform is worn correctly. Trainers should be for PE days and not on uniform days.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Aubert and Mrs Harris.

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### **Year 3**

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and are ready for the half term ahead.

Here is a quick flavour of what we will be learning this half term...

Our topic for the whole term is Stone Age to Iron Age and a lot of our learning will be focused around this. We will be reading the Stolen Spear by Saviour Pirotta, an adventure story set in the Neolithic times. We will also be writing instructions on how to take care of a prehistoric pet based on the book How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth. We are very excited to be trialling the use of Book Creator to support and develop our skills and knowledge in history and oracy, hopefully your children will be enthused by this and talk about it with you at home. We are very lucky to be working with Mr Livesey in the Maker Space this half term and will be exploring Lego Wedo.

We are exploring light and shadow in Science and Judaism in RE.

We are hoping to get out on a couple of trips this term to La Hougue Bie and also the synagogue. We will need support with these so watch out for the dates and if you are able to help we would be most grateful!

Whilst on the note of support we have sent you a parentmail about the school walk, if you can help it would be appreciated.

A reminder that PE days are now on Thursday and Friday. Please ensure that your children come in the correct uniform on these.

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Library time for Year 3 is on a Monday, but it is always good for the children to have their books available daily. Also please ensure that laptops are charged as we will be using them for research in a few areas of the curriculum this term.

If you have any questions, please get in touch and we look forward to an exciting half term ahead!

Warmest regards,

Mrs Davies and Miss Bolton

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#### **Year 4**

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break! We've had a short but exciting first week back, diving straight into our learning. In writing, we've begun exploring a new book about a simple plastic bag named Stanley and the environmental problems he causes in the ocean. We kicked off by examining the front cover and making predictions about the story, and we've since been collecting adjectives to describe the various ocean creatures featured in the book. This ties in beautifully with our topic this term, Blue Abyss.

In maths, we've started a new chapter on decimals. The students have been learning how decimals and fractions are related, with a particular focus on equivalent decimals of tenths.

We're also looking forward to welcoming parents on Tuesday morning.

As always, please encourage your child to read daily, it makes a big difference!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

The Year 4 Team

#### **Year 5**

It has been a super first few days of the Summer Term for Year 5!

We have started our new topic, the Victorians, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed immersing themselves in. In our reading lessons, we have started our Oliver Twist book. This began with a prediction lesson and then led onto our reading structured lessons looking at different techniques to explore the text.

In Maths, we have started Geometry-focussing on different angles and what their characteristics are. The children have enjoyed learning about this and finding real angles in the classroom too!

We have also started our Gaelic Football training on a Wednesday afternoon. This is in preparation for our tournament on Thursday 22nd May. Please could we remind all parents to send back their child's consent form for this, so they are able to attend. If you need another copy, please do let us know.

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We also had a super House Sporting Event on Friday morning. The children very much enjoyed taking part in different sporting competitions against other houses. There was a wonderful buzz in our School Community!

Next week, we re-start Maker Space for this half term on a Monday morning and we have a lifeguard visiting us at 11am on Thursday! Our Gaelic Football training sessions will continue on a Wednesday afternoon, meaning our PE afternoons will now be Monday and Wednesday.

Thank you and we hope you have a lovely weekend!

Miss Condlyffe and Mr Worthington

## **Year 6**

Although it has been a short week, we have jumped right back into our learning in Year 6. Starting off the week by continuing our biographies Writing journey from last half term. Completing a plan and independently written biography about Muhammad Ali. We have also continued with our Maths revision looking closely at statistics this week. In computing, we have looked at balancing a healthy lifestyle whilst still using technology. The children have had a lovely Friday morning, either participating or spectating the KS2 House Events.

### A few gentle reminders:

- Please ensure your child brings their library books to and from school every day.
- **Our PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday this half term.** The children will have a Gymnastics session with their class teacher on Tuesday and their regular PE slot with Rob on Wednesday
- Laptops need to be brought in to school every day fully charged.
- Please keep yourself updated with any Parent Mails regarding the England Trip.

### Home Learning

- Reading: Daily for 20 minutes.
- Spellings: Practice daily. Spellings can be found on Google Classroom or on the physical handout.
- Maths: Arithmetic paper practice – refer to google classroom for support and videos.
- SATS: Revision books are now looking full. Please encourage the children to look over them.

### Achievers

The achiever in 6G this week is Izzy. This young lady is a fantastic role model to the younger children in the school. She is an eco-warrior and looks out for turning the lights off in the classroom and nurturing our class potato plant. She is always up for a chat, and it is lovely to see her so passionate about something so important, well done Izzy!

The achiever in 6H this week is Luis! This young man is really pushing himself in all areas of learning, especially his writing. Luis has shown terrific focus and determination during his independent writing this week. He has formed his ideas well, but most impressively has non-stop asked questions to ensure he fully understands how to make his writing the best it can be. Great job, Luis!

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